Course of the Mythological River Saraswati

2363. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that research expedition is being currently undertaken by some noted archaeologists, historians and researcher$_s$ to trace out the course of the river Saraswati mentioned in the Vedas which is expected to throw light on the protohistory of India and challenge effectively two well-established theories about ancient Indian history;

(b) whether any archaeologists from the Archaeological Survey of Imdia or history researchers have been associated with this research expedition;

(c) whether Government propose to render any assistance in the unique research; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI):, (a) Government has seen some recent press reports regarding such an expedition sponsored by a private organisation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No request for assistance has been received.

(d) Does not arise.

All India Ports Service

2364. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish an All India Ports Service; and

(b) if so, what are the details in thig regard?

THE MINISTERi OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL), (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Shipbuilding yard at Haldia

2365. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have decided to establish $_a$ shipbuilding and ship repairing complex at Haldia;

(b) if so, by when th$_e$ project is likely to start; and

(c) whether any foreign expert firm has shown interest in the said complex project?

THE MINISTER) OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. Few German firms have shown interest in the Project but formal proposals have not been received by Government.

जनसंख्या वृद्धि रोकने के लिए जादुई योजना

2366. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान जनसंख्या वृद्धि को रोकने के लिये एक जादुई योजना के संबंध में 22 अक्तूबर, 1985 के "जनसत्ता" के प्रथम पृष्ठ पर प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इसका परीक्षण किया है अथवा क्या इसे बिना कि स ी